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never in the case. The situation is one of great difficulty, for in a large part of the desolate regions, there is certain to be violence and perhaps open rebellion, if some adequate and prompt relief is not afforded. The prefecture of Ta'ao Ch'u Fu in Shantung, is distinguished for the lawlessness of its population, even in ordinary years, and it is not reasonable to expect that there will be quiet in this region. The same is true of the prefecture of Hui Chou Fu in Kiangsu, a district which has been the inexhaustible source of lawless border raids in times of scarcity, raids which for years involved a large part of the province of Shantung in the miseries of guerrilla warfare. In the north-western part of Shan tung, and over the Chihli border, the crops are so much better that grain is exported from that region to the south. The local magistrates of at least three of these districts, with that calm defiance of the laws of nature which so often characterises the Chinese official, have issued proclamations forbidding the export of grain of any kind either in carts, horses, or on the back of animals, or otherwise. Those who are found guilty of endeavouring to take grain away from these districts, may be punished with impunity, for the magistrates will not punish the robbers. Such is said to be the tenor of the proclamations recently issued, a proclamation which is not unlikely to produce much mischief. The situation is a serious one in every aspect, and should receive the early and the earnest attention of the Chinese Government. Cholera has been very fatal in western Shantung, and strange to say continues long after the frost has fallen, an unusual circumstance. Many are frightened to death. Whole families have become extinct.

SARA BERNHARDT INTERVIEWED.

The fortunate few who are familiar with the Green Room of the Lyceum, the old, shabby Green Room, with its comic Corinthian pillars, its tawdry wall-paper, and its framed Macready playbills, would hardly recognise it in its present guise. It has been turned for the nonce into the shrine of a stage divinity, literally a shrine, indeed, for there is something curiously altar-like in the huge glass, surrounding a white-draped dressing-table, decked with innumerable wax candles, and profusely littered with hair-curlers, poodle-puffs, combs, brushes, and rouge-pots, which fill one end of the room. At the other end stands a screen covered with the various Director's costumes worn by the heroine of "La Tosca." It is the dressing-room of Sara Bernhardt. A satellite of *The Star* is ushered into this sanctum, he is courteously greeted, and pressed to accept one of those terrible Caporal cigarettes which Frenchmen are not afraid to smoke, by a portly gentleman, dark of hue and fiercely mustachioed, with an air of the Spanish Hidalgo, whose mere presence has all the importance of a revolution. For M. Damala, as all the world knows, is the husband of Mme. Bernhardt, and there have lately been rumors of a certain marriage contracted in haste having been repudiated at leisure, of proceedings for divorce, and what not—all of which rumors M. Damala's presence in his wife's dressing-room is a crushing contradiction.

Mme. Bernhardt is in form to-night, though the audience "in front" would never suspect it. Since Monday, when she was in excellent voice, she has caught a severe chill, and, off the stage, hardly dares speak above a whisper. So *The Star* man, anxious to spare her the exertions of the terribly exciting third act, which is now in progress, falls to cross-examining M. Damala in her stead on the Gladstonian principle of "devolution." But a wild shout of applause, which bursts forth again and again from the stalls close by, announces that the act-drop is down, and a moment later the *diva* enters—panting, exhausted—and totters into a chair.

Sara Bernhardt is of the middle height, her figure whatever justification may have been in the past for the innumerable jokes on that score, is now—like the gruel preferred by Jane Austen's valetudinarian—"thin, but not too thin." Her nose is long and straight, her eyes are wide apart, and she has magnificent teeth which she is not only very fond of showing at all times, but has a curious little trick of occasionally tapping.

"If your Gladstonian 'devolution,' she begins, when apprised of the vicarious interviewing that has been going on, 'means taking the husband's word for the wife's opinions, permit me, my dear sir, not to believe in it.'"

"A la bonne heure, Madame, you shall answer for yourself. And, first, a question as to this eternal charge of plagiarism which has been brought against 'La Tosca,' as it, has been brought against every third act which has been brought against this week that certain leading incidents in this piece are curiously like those of Mr. Maurice Barrymore's play of 'Nadjeza.' Is it true, that Mr. Barrymore submitted his piece to you some time before the production of 'La Tosca'?"

"Quite true, though the inference that has been suggested is wholly false. Mr. Barrymore handed me his MS. as I was leaving America, but I never so much as glanced into it, and when I landed in Europe 'La Tosca' was written and complete from one end to the other. Sardou, in point of fact, had composed the 'canon' of his piece long before 1883."

"And that other bit of gossip—that you intend playing Romeo to the Juliet of Mrs. James Brown Potter?"

"I do intend to play Romeo some day; it is a part I have always longed to attempt—but (with a sly smile) it will not, I think, be with Mrs. Potter."

"Meanwhile, what are your plans, Madame, for the immediate future?"

"After my autumn holiday, I am going to produce a new drama, 'Marie Stuart,' written specially for me by MM. Crescenzo and Samson (who adapted 'Hamel' for me) you remember, at the Porte St. Martin). During the winter we are going to make the tour of Europe, my husband accompanying me, and on the 1st of May I return to Paris for the 'Exhibition' season. After that we revisit America, and shall extend our travels to Australia and the East Indies—a tour already arranged for under the management of Messrs. Abbey and Grau."

"How many *roles* have you created already, Madame Bernhardt?"

"I shall your globe-trotting experience, Madame, where have you found the most sympathetic public?"

"Nowhere more sympathetic than in London. I delight in London audiences. The absence of a *claque*—you know I abolished the *claque* at the Porte St. Martin?—the sincerity of the applause, and the courteous consideration shown in reserving it until the scene, or act, has come to me. Yet I am never so nervous as in London."

"How is that?"

"The more indulgent my audience, the more anxious I am to please. The more I dread failure to please. Often and often, on first nights always, my teeth chatter. I tremble all over, and am really sick with fear. Before a cold, unresponsive audience, it is just the other way. Opposition braces me up like a tonic. On the stage, at any rate, I am always ready for a fight."

"Are you speaking, now, Madame, of your feelings before or during the time you are on the stage?"

"Oh, before. While I am actually playing I don't give a thought to my audience. I don't even see them. I am entirely lost in my part."

"Here we are getting, are we not, on to that much-debated ground of Diderot's famous Paradox of Acting? Are you, then, an anti-Diderotian? Does your experience make against the theory that perfect acting is acting with the head only, that the dramatic artist must not feel the emotions he portrays?"

"Absolutely. I actually feel everything my character is supposed to feel. I shed tears on the stage every night when my 'personage' weeps. At Marseilles a month or two ago, in the third act of 'La Tosca,' at the moment she is supposed to faint, I fainted in real earnest."

"And you don't believe in the 'double personality' theory either? You don't bisect yourself into an actress who identifies herself with her part and a critic who detaches herself from and watches the actress? That, at least, is what M. Coquelin told me was his own case."

"No, I do not. I certainly watch myself in a very literal sense, to see that I don't walk into the footlights, for instance, or to guard against my besetting tendency to gabble in exciting scenes, but never in the subtle sense of your 'double personality' theory."

"But here poor Diderot and his paradox have to make room for the great actress's comrades, who troop in to bid her good-night. They all, the gentlemen included, favor her in the Gallic fashion with a resounding salute on each cheek. The manager—happy M. Mayer, boundless are the privileges of managers—repeats this *o-va-lion* process. The *Star* man would like to follow suit, but—letting I dare not wait upon I would, like the cat in the fable—he resigns himself, with a sigh, to merely bowing himself out, and after getting hopelessly astray in the labyrinth behind the scenes and being rescued by M. Damala, he seeks a brief consolation in a glass of *a-cointre*.

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(PASSING THROUGH THE INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"ANCONA"

will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 25th November, at DAVLIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. Hongkong, 13th November, 1888. [3]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CLYDE"

will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [3]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

"NOTICE."

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"GENERAL WERDER."

Captain V. von Schuckmann, will leave for the above Ports, on or about the 1st December.

For further particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [4]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

"NOTICE."

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PREUSSEN."

Captain O. Pahl, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival with the outward German Mail.

For further particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [4]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

"NOTICE."

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND MEDITERRANEAN.

ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND TAKE UP CARGO.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1888, at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Capt. O. Pahl, will leave for SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS: Mr. P. W. WILLARD, JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

THIS EVENING, the 24th November, 1888.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Popular Comic Opera, "THE MIKADO,"

or "THE TOWN OF TITIPU."

Cast of Characters.

The Mikado of Japan, Mr. A. SUTCH.

His Son, disguised as a wandering minstrel, and in love with Yum-Yum, CHARLES FISHER.

Ko-Ko Lord High Executioner of Titipu, J. F. SHERIDAN.

Pooh-Bah Lord High Everything Else, H. M. IMANO.

Pish-Tush (A Noble Lord), PHIL. RAY.

Go-To, W. CRIPPS.

Yum-Yum (Three Sisters), Miss MAUDE H. R.E.

Pish-Sing (Wards of Ko-Ko), G. WHITEFORD.

Peep-Lo, VERA PATEY.

An elderly Lady, in love with Nan-Ki-Poo, E. LEAMINGTON.

CHORUS OF SCHOOL-GIRLS, NOBLES, GUARDS, AND COOLIES.

ACT I.—COURTYARD OF KO-KO'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE.

ACT II.—KO-KO'S GARDEN.

CONDUCTOR, Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON.

NOTICE.—The Directorate beg to announce that this Opera will be mounted and staged in the most complete and elaborate manner, and will be a perfect reproduction of the Gilbert & Sullivan's Opera, as produced at the SAVOY THEATRE, London.

NEW SCENERY BY W. HASSAN.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle and Special Stalls, \$3.00

Stalls, 2.00

Pit, 1.00

The Plan may be seen and Seats secured at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, PEMBERTON W. WILLARD, Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [1153]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NINGPO."

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [1195]

NOTICE.

THE NEXT FOOTBALL MATCH will be played on the CAUSEWAY BAY GRASS, under Association Rules, on MONDAY NEXT, the 26th instant, between the Club (colours) and a scratch team of the 58th Regiment (whites) play to commence at 4-15 sharp.

W. H. WALLACE, Hon Sec. Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [1196]

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 25.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 23rd of December, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. Hongkong, 24th November, 1888. [1197]

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BOTHEN MARK LODGE.

OF HONGKONG, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1888. [1187]

Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premium for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of Profit for that year to be paid as Bonus to Contributors may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th instant, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent claims or alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st November, 1888. [1109]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersecretary with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Profit, reserved for Contributors, may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th day of November next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 19th October, 1888. [1108]

Intimations.

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING of this Company is POSTPONED, and will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on MONDAY, the 3rd prox., at 4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.

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H. SHEPPARD, Secretary. Hongkong, 17th November, 1888. [1160]

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that Mr. CHAN CHAU TAM left his employment on the 31st day of August last and is now in no way connected with my Firm or Business and all authority either to sell or purchase for or on any other thing has been withdrawn from him and further I beg to inform the public that the label on Fire-crackers manufactured or sold by me will bear my old Hong Name of MAEN SHING and without this name attached none will be genuine and any person found guilty of imitation will be prosecuted and punished according to Law.

Dated this 20th day of November, 1888. MAEN SHING. [1183]

NOTICE.

Silk and Fire Crackers

THE Undersigned respectfully inform the Foreign Merchants in Canton that for the past twenty years they have carried on business in silk piece-goods in Sai-Hing Street, Canton, under the chop-signification of "TSUN SHING," and venture to believe that the superior quality of their goods have given universal satisfaction to their customers. In order to avoid possible imposition they have considered it indispensable to prefix to their designation the surname of the head of the firm, "CHAN," and henceforth the Firm's signification, in the silk branch, will be known as "CHAN TSUN SHING."

Further, in respect of the Fire Cracker branch, which hitherto has been carried on under the title of "MAEN SHING," under which we have acted as sole dealers in Canton for many years and during this period our chop, by reason of the superior quality of the ingredients we employ as well as the first-class character of our manufacture, has maintained its pre-eminent position in the markets of the United States of America; but lately numerous fraudulent imitations of our goods have been attempted, which has necessitated, in the interests of the public, our establishing a new Fire Cracker brand that will hereafter be known as the "CONSTITUTION" Cracker. It will be recognised by our old established mark underneath, viz. No. 1 Golden Dragon chop and our new prefixed title "CHAN MAEN SHING" at the bottom of the label of our Fire Crackers.

CHAN TSUN SHING, for Silk Branch.

CHAN MAEN SHING, for Fire Cracker Branch.

N.B.—Fire Crackers without our brand as above, will not be genuine.

Canton, 1st November, 1888. [1107]

J. LLEWELLYN & CO.

THE SHARE LIST WILL CLOSE, on the 30th instant.

IT is proposed to form a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, registered in Hongkong, to take over, as a going concern, from the 1st January, 1889, the old established business of

MEN & J. LLEWELLYN & Co. CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS, AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS, &c., &c., at Shanghai, and elsewhere in China.

The proposed Capital of the Company is Dollars One Hundred and Twenty Thousand (\$120,000).

Divided into Twelve Hundred (1,200) shares of One Hundred Dollars (100) each.

Of which Five Hundred (500) shares are offered to the Public.

DIRECTORS: E. O. ARNOT, Esq. YEND DUBER, Esq. ALEX. MCLEOD, Esq.

General Manager—Mr. G. A. WATKINS.

Forms of Application for shares may be obtained at the MEDICAL HALL, Shanghai, or at the temporary Offices of the Company, 16, Bank Buildings, Hongkong; also at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION and the SHANGHAI HONGKONG BANK OF INDIA, London and China in Shanghai or Hongkong.

Applications for shares are to be accompanied by a deposit of Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, the balance being payable on allotment.

If fewer shares are allotted than are applied for, the balance of the deposit will go towards the payment due on the allotment. If no shares are allotted the deposit will be returned in full.

Shanghai, 19th November, 1888. [1194]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CAR RUNS as follows between ST. JOHN'S PLACE and VICTORIA GAP:—

WEEK DAYS, 8 to 10 A.M. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 P.M. " " " " " "

3 to 7 " " " " " "

THURSDAYS, NIGHT TRAMS at 10.45 and 11 P.M.

SUNDAYS, CHURCH TRAM at 10.40 A.M.

12.10 to 3 P.M. every half hour.

3 to 7 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

Special Cars may be obtained on application.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars for Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at the Office of

MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, 50 & 52 Queen's Road, Hongkong, 31st October, 1888. [1199]

NOTICE.

WANTED, from the 31st December, 3 or 4 BARRISTERS, by the week or month, for a First Class Accommodation—European House with Gas and Water laid on, and every home comfort.

Terms moderate. Apply to X. Y. Z., Office of this paper. Hongkong, 31st November, 1888. [1198]

Intimations.

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SOLDIERS & SAILORS FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION.

FOR AIDING THE WIVES AND FAMILIES OF MEN OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE LAND AND SEA FORCES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

PATRON: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

PRESIDENT: H. R. H. THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A BRANCH of this most useful and beneficent Association, now so widely extended over England and India, has been started in this Military command, under the name of THE HONGKONG AND STRAITS SETTLEMENTS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION.

It is formed for the purpose of aiding the Wives and Families of men of all branches of H. M. Forces now serving or who shall hereafter serve in Hongkong or in the Straits Settlements, and co-operating generally with the Parent Association in England, by collecting funds and furnishing information about the families of soldiers and sailors serving here, who may need assistance at home.

The Association in Hongkong is under the management of a General Committee consisting of:—

Mr. CAMERON, President.

Mrs. MAXWELL, Mrs. BVL. IRVING, Mrs. BURDON, Mrs. CRASTER, Mrs. MACINTOSH, Mrs. NOBLE, Vice-Presidents.

With Mr. THOMAS JACKSON as Treasurer, and the Undersigned as Honorary Secretary.

The following extract from the Rules is published for general information:—

5.—Any person being a member of the General or any branch Committee, or being an annual subscriber of not less than five dollars to the funds, shall be a member of the Association.

6.—Any donor of not less than fifty dollars, and any person who shall have collected and paid to the funds of the Association a sum of not less than Three hundred dollars, shall be a Life Member.

7.—Every Regiment or Ship which shall contribute a sum of not less than fifty dollars, and every Incumbent who may grant the use of his pulpit for a sermon in aid of the Association, and from whom a like sum of not less than fifty dollars he received shall also be Members of the Association.

8.—Every Member of the Association shall have one vote at the Annual or any Special Meeting of the Association. A Regiment may vote by its C'ndel and a Ship by its Captain or other Commanding Officer; or in either case by any Commissioned Officer in Her Majesty's Army or Navy, nominated in writing for the Regiment or Ship by the Colonel, Captain, or other Commanding Officer.

9.—All annual subscriptions to the Association shall become due on the 1st day of January in each year, and shall be paid to the Treasurer or the Bankers of the Association; Members joining the Association after the 30th of September shall be considered as becoming subscribers from the 1st day of January following.

LIFE MEMBERS. Lieutenant-General CAMERON, C.B. THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT. MAJOR CHU-CHILL, 58th REGIMENT. No. 5

Commercial.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—156 per cent. premium, buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$70 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 270 per share, sales and buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$97 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 97 per share, buyers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$165 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150, per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$320 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$74 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, 37 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$218 per share, sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—167½ per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$135 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$170 per share, nominal.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—17 per cent. dis., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$60 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$190 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$94 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$12½ per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—100 per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—11 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Rone Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$83 per share, sellers.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$5 per share, nominal.

Punjom and Sungle Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$9 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—63 per cent. premium, sellers.

Tongkoo Coal Mining Co.—110 per cent. premium, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—27½ per cent. premium, buyers.

The East Borneo Planting Co., Limited—\$68 per share, buyers.

The Songei Koyah Planting Co., Ltd.—\$43 per share, sellers.

Crickshank & Co., Ltd.—\$4½ per share, sellers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—10 per cent. dis., sellers.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Co., Ltd.—40 per cent. dis., nominal.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/0
Bank Bills, on demand 3/0
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/1
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1
Credits at 4 months' sight 3/1
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/1

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 72
Private, 30 days' sight 72

ON INDIA, T. T. 223
On Demand 223

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 72
Private, 30 days' sight 72

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul. \$660
(Allowance, Tails 40)

OLD MALWA, per picul. \$680
(Allowance, Tails 60)

NEW PATNA, (without choice) per chest \$550
NEW PATNA, (first choice) per chest \$552
NEW PATNA, (bottom) per chest \$560
NEW PATNA, (second choice) per chest \$547
NEW BENARES, (without choice) per chest \$540
NEW BENARES, (bottom) per chest \$550
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul. \$630
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul. \$600
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul. \$580

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

23rd November, 1888.—At 4 p.m.

| STATION | Wind | Temp. | Humidity | Bar. | Sea | Remarks |
|----------|------|-------|----------|------|-----|--------------|
| Whampoa | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Taiwan | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Amoy | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Swatow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hankow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Shanghai | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hangchow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Shanghai | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hangchow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Shanghai | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hangchow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |

24th November, 1888.—At 10 a.m.

| STATION | Wind | Temp. | Humidity | Bar. | Sea | Remarks |
|----------|------|-------|----------|------|-----|--------------|
| Whampoa | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Taiwan | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Amoy | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Swatow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hankow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Shanghai | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hangchow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Shanghai | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hangchow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Shanghai | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| Hangchow | SE | 80 | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |

The barometer has fallen in Shanghai and gradients for north-east winds are moderating. Cloudy, milder weather and dry weather prevails.

The thermometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths. Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. Humidity in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100. Direction of the wind in degrees, Force of the wind according to Beaufort scale. State of the weather, Clear, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy, Drizzle, Rain, Fog, Snow, Hail, Lightning, Thunder, &c. Visibility, in feet or miles. Remarks, in brief.

Hongkong Observatory, 24th November, 1888.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

| Time | Therm. | Wind | Humidity | Bar. | Sea | Remarks |
|---------|--------|------|----------|------|-----|--------------|
| 5 a.m. | 65.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 6 a.m. | 66.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 7 a.m. | 67.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 8 a.m. | 68.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 9 a.m. | 69.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 10 a.m. | 70.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 11 a.m. | 71.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 12 p.m. | 72.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 1 p.m. | 73.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 2 p.m. | 74.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 3 p.m. | 75.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 4 p.m. | 76.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 5 p.m. | 77.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 6 p.m. | 78.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 7 p.m. | 79.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 8 p.m. | 80.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 9 p.m. | 81.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 10 p.m. | 82.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 11 p.m. | 83.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |
| 12 m. | 84.0 | SE | 85 | 30.0 | 1/2 | Light breeze |

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Chitra*, with the English mail of the 26th ultimo, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 29th.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Prinzess*, carrying the German mails, with dates from Berlin of the 30th ultimo, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 29th.

THE CANADIAN MAILS.
The Canadian Pacific steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, left Yokohama on the 14th instant, and is expected here on the 24th.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Duke of Westminster*, with the Canadian mail, left Yokohama on the 17th instant, for Kobe and Hongkong.

The Canadian Pacific steamer *Abyssinia*, with the Canadian mail, left Vancouver for Japan and Hongkong on the 13th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Ulysses*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 23rd instant, and is expected here on the 30th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Venitia*, left Bombay on the 17th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd proximo.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s steamer *Berlin*, from Trieste, left Colombo for this port on the 22nd instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

ARON, Norwegian bark, 634, A. Christensen, 23rd Nov.—Chefoo 12th Nov., Beans—Captain.

FRJER, Danish steamer, 397, C. A. Lund, 23rd Nov.—Haiphong 21st November, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 355, Revsbeck, 23rd Nov.—Pakhai 20th Nov., and Hoilow 22nd, General—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ALWINE, German steamer, 400, Samuelson, 23rd Nov.—Fakhoi 19th November, Hoilow 21st, and Macao 23rd, General—Wiel & Co.

HAUOONG, British steamer, 783, J. S. Roach, 24th Nov.—Fookchow 20th Nov., Amoy 21st, and Swatow 23rd, General—D. La-praik & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, J. M. Marques, 24th Nov.—Manila 21st Nov., General—Brandão & Co.

MERFOO, Chinese steamer, 1,338, Wm. H. Lunt, 24th Nov.—Newchwang 18th Nov., and Chefoo 19th, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Alwine, German steamer, for Hoilow.
Formosa, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.
Ningpo, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Activ, Danish steamer, for Hoilow.
Choyang, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Nansing, British steamer, for Amoy.
Arion, Norwegian bark, for Whampoa.
Thorbecke, Dutch bark, for Ban. kok.
Italian, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.
Mennon, British steamer, for Sandakan, &c.

DEPARTURES.

November 23, *Montara*, German bark, for Canton.

November 21, *Melita*, German steamer, for Haiphong.

November 24, *Kaisow*, British str., for London.

November 24, *Triton*, German str., for Saigon.

November 24, *Sochow*, British steamer, for Hoilow.

November 24, *San Matto*, British steamer, for November 24, *Forwards*, German steamer, for Hoilow, &c.

November 24, *Formosa*, British steamer, for Amoy, &c.

November 24, *China*, German str., for Amoy.

November 24, *Choyang*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

November 24, *Choyang*, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

November 24, *Nansing*, British str., for Amoy.

November 24, *Mennon*, British steamer, for Sandakan, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Aron*, bark, from Chefoo.—Mrs. Christensen.

Per *Frjer*, str., from Haiphong.—Miss Philips, and 4 Chinese.

Per *Activ*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—5 Chinese.

Per *Alwine*, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—8 Chinese.

Per *Hauoong*, str., from Fookchow, &c.—Colonel and Mrs. Storer, Miss Stewart, Lieut. Col. Igher, Master C. Aiken, and 40 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per *Triton*, str., for Saigon.—250 Chinese.

Per *Glenartney*, str., for Shanghai—1 European.

Per *Sochow*, str., for Hoilow.—20 Chinese.

Per *Formosa*, str., for Amoy, &c.—50 Chinese.

Per *Choyang*, str., for Swatow, &c.—1 European and 500 Chinese.

Per *Nansing*, str., for Amoy—4 Europeans and 200 Chinese.

Per *Mennon*, str., for Sandakan, &c.—34 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Alwine*, str., for Hoilow.—100 Chinese.

Per *Ningpo*, str., for Shanghai.—20 Chinese.

Per *Activ*, str., for Hoilow.—55 Chinese.

Per *Italian*, str., for Swatow, &c.—4 Europeans and 200 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The Danish steamer *Activ* reports that she left Pakhoi on the 20th instant, and Hoilow on the 22nd. Had strong north-east monsoon.

The British steamer *Hauoong* reports that she left Fookchow on the 20th instant, Amoy on the 21st, and Swatow on the 23rd. From Fookchow towards Amoy had calm and fine clear weather. From Amoy towards Swatow had fresh north-east breeze and fine weather. From Swatow towards port had fresh north-easterly and northerly winds and fine weather. In Fookchow, the steamer *Fee-cheu*. In Amoy, the steamships *Cito* and *Activ*. In Swatow, the steamships *Norden*, *Chafob*, and *Chung Hock Kian*.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow, Amoy, & Fookchow.—Per *Haitian*, to-morrow, the 26th instant, at 8.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Ningpo*, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Fookchow, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.—Per *Changhaia*, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Galleo*, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Haiphong.—Per *Frjer*, on Monday, the 26th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Don Juan*, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Alwine*, on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For Europe, &c.—Australia, Madras, Calcutta, and Mauritius.—Per *Sigallien*, on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 11.00 A.M.

For Amoy, Yokohama, and San Francisco.—Per *Bilge*, on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 0.30 P.M.

For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Wagla*, on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

ALMORA, British steamer, 1,719, Alex. Hay, 18th Nov.—Java, via Singapore 11th November, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

ANCONA, British steamer, 3,172, W. J. Webber, 19th Nov.—Yokohama 11th Nov., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

BELOIC, British steamer, 2,697, W. H. Walker, 14th Nov.—San Francisco 18th Oct., and Yokohama 8th Nov., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

BRAGNO, Italian steamer, 1,493, A. Tognasso, 20th Nov.—Bombay, and Singapore 12th Nov., General—Carlowitz & Co.

CARISBROOKE, British steamer, 973, R. Cass, 20th Nov.—Nagasaki 15th Nov., Coal—Morris & Ray.

CHANGSHA, British steamer, 1,464, J. E. Williams, 22nd Nov.—Swatow 21st Nov., Coals and General—Butterfield & Swire.

CITY OF KING, American steamer, 5,079, W. B. Seabury, 21st Nov.—San Francisco 20th October, and Yokohama 17th Nov., Mails and General—P. M. S. S. Co.

FAME, British steamer, 1,172, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

FIDELIO, German steamer, 853, H. Brorsten, 22nd Nov.—Saigon 17th Nov., General—Wiel & Co.

GALLEY OF LORNE, British steamer, 1,380, F. Grandin, 19th Nov.—Kobe 13th Nov., Coal and General—S. Samuel & Co.

GENERAL WERDER, German steamer, 1,870, W. Schuckmann, 23rd Nov.—Nagasaki 19th Nov., Mails and General—Melchers & Co.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,182, S. Ashton, 21st Nov.—Haiphong 20th Nov., General—D. La-praik & Co.

KONG BING, British steamer, 862, R. Jones, 23rd Nov.—Bangkok 14th Nov., Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.

MARIS, German steamer, 704, Hundewald, 22nd Nov.—Haiphong 19th Nov., Rice and General—A. R. Many.

NINPOO, German steamer, 762, Schulz, 23rd Nov.—Whampoa 23rd November, General—Siemens & Co.

PHUQUOC, French steamer, Robin, 21st Nov.—Touron 17th November, General—Wing Tai.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 1,611, A. Stopani—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

SACHSEN, German steamer, 2,874, Kurt von Goessel, 23rd Nov.—Shanghai 21st Nov., Mails and General—Melchers & Co.

STRATHLEVEN, British steamer, 1,588, C. W. Pearson, 22nd Nov.—Kobe 16th Nov., Coal and General—Adamson, Bell & Co.

TRITON, German steamer, 1,142, A. Bleicken, 8th Nov.—Saigon 6th Nov., General—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

VICTORIA, British steamer, 1,530, J. Coundon, 21st Nov.—Nagasaki 16th Nov., Coals—Takasima, Collier Co.

VISAYAS, Spanish steamer, 406, J. de Aljuba, 8th Oct.—Manila 6th and Amoy 4th October, General—Ran Ha.

WINGOON, British steamer, 1,517, A. de St. Croix, 22nd Nov.—Calcutta 7th Nov., and Singapore 16th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

CORONETT, American yacht, 252, S. C. Crossby, 23rd Nov.—Yokohama 10th November.

DIANE, Norwegian bark, 764, J. Petersen, 2nd Nov.—Sourabaya 23rd August, Sugar—Order.

ERLKENIO, Chinese bark, 457, Uplam Examination bulk, Stonecutters' Island—Chinese Customs.

GOV. GOODWIN, American ship, 1,459, S. Pray, 1st Oct.—Kobe 20th Sept., Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.

HONOLULU, British ship, 1,590, Leary, 2nd Oct.—Shanghai 24th Sept., Ballast—Melchers & Co.

H. G. JOHNSON, American bark, 1,027, Colby, 26th Oct.—Keelung 23rd Oct., Coals—Russell & Co.

LADY HAZWOOD, British bark, 382, T. H. Williams, 18th Nov.—Iloilo 17th Nov., Sapanwood and General—Gonsalves & Co.

NICOVA, British bark, 594, James Porter, 21st Nov.—Newchwang 11th Nov., Beans and General—Wiel & Co.

OMEGA, British steamer, 480, A. V. Brown, 15th Nov.—Celebes 24th October, Timber—Ed. Schellhass & Co.

P. N. BLANCHARD, American ship, 1,501, M. W. Blanchard, 26th Sept.—Higo (Japan) 5th Sept., General—Siemens & Co.

RAPHAEL, American ship, 1,465, E. W. Harkness, 30th Oct.—Nagasaki 28th Oct., Coal—Order.

SW. N. American brig, 287, D. O'Keefe, 15th Nov.—Yap (Carolines) 6th Nov., General—Captain.

THORBECKE, Dutch bark, 826, J. Knippen, 20th Oct.—Kema 1st October, Timber—Melchers & Co.

VELOCITY, British bark, 491, R. Martin, 14th Nov.—Honolulu 3rd October, Old Iron—Chinese.

WAKEFIELD, American bark, 842, W. S. Crowell, 12th Nov.—Amoy 10th Nov., Ballast—Siemens & Co.

WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 20th November, Albany (W. Australia) 20th September, Sapanwood—Gilman & Co.

To be Let.

TO LET.
A T MAGAZINE GAP, from 1st December next, three well built and handily finished HOUSES—Two of Six Rooms, each—One of Four Rooms.

Apply to J. J. FRANCIS, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 7th November, 1888. (1172)

TO LET, FURNISHED.

A T The Park, "Dinford" A FIVE ROOMED HOUSE with Tennis Court. Possession from the 15th instant to the 31st March, 1889, or 1890.

Apply to J. Y. V. VERNON, Hongkong, 3rd November, 1888. (1118)

TO LET.

ROOMS IN "COLLEGE CHAMBERS."
Apply to DAVID SASSOON SONS & Co., Hongkong, 12th July, 1888. (112)

TO LET.

OFFICES and GODOWNS now occupied by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES Co. being No. 8, Praya Central.

Possession from 1st February next.

TO LET.

Apply to LAI HING & Co., No. 151, Queen's Road Central, or to C. EWENS, Hongkong, 15th November, 1888. (1112)

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

| STEAMERS. | FROM. | DATE DUE. | AGENTS. |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Parthia | Vancouver | November 24th | Adamson, Bell & Co. |
| Duke of Westminster | Vancouver | November 25th | Adamson, Bell & Co. |
| London | London | November 25th | P. & O. S. N. Co. |
| Preussen | Bremen | November 26th | Melchers & Co. |
| Ulysses | Liverpool | November 30th | Butterfield & Swire. |
| Venitia | Bombay | December 3rd | P. & O. S. N. Co. |
| Trieste | Trieste | December 5th | Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co. |
| Abyssinia | Vancouver | December 10th | Adamson, Bell & Co. |

STEAMERS LEAVING IN HONGKONG.

| DESTINATION. | VESSELS. | AGENTS. | DATE OF LEAVING. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| London, &c., via Suez Canal | Thames | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Dec 5th, at noon. |
| London, via Suez Canal | Laertes | Butterfield & Swire. | November 26th. |
| Marseilles, via Saigon, &c. | Saghalien | Messageries Maritimes | Nov. 28th, at noon. |
| Bremen, via Ports of Call. | Sachsen | Melchers & Co. | To-morrow, at 10 a.m. |
| Bremen, & Ports of Call. | Preussen | Melchers & Co. | Dec. 23rd, at 10 a.m. |
| G. noa, via Bombay, &c. | Bisagno | Carlowitz & Co. | Nov. 28th, at noon. |
| San Francisco, via V. Am. | City of Peking | Pacific Mail S. S. Co. | Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. |
| San Francisco, via A. &c. | Belgie | O. & O. S. N. Co. | Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. |
| Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c. | Parthia | Adamson, Bell & Co. | Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. |
| Sydney, Melbourne, &c. | Tannadice | Russell & Co. | Nov. 27th, at 1 p.m. |
| Sydney and Melbourne | Pathan | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | About Dec. 5th. |
| North Darwin, &c. | Changsha | Butterfield & Swire. | To-morrow, daylight. |
| Calcutta, via Straits | Wingand | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Nov. 28th, at 3 p.m. |
| Yokohama, Kobe, &c. | General Werder | Melchers & Co. | About Dec. 1st. |
| Yokohama, via N. Sak. &c. | Ancona | P. & O. S. N. Co. | To-morrow, daylight. |
| Shanghai | Galley of Lorne | Russell & Co. | Nov. 26th, at 3 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Preussen | Melchers & Co. | Quick despatch. |
| Shanghai | Ningpo | Siemens & Co. | Nov. 26th, at noon. |
| Shanghai | Clyde | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Quick despatch. |
| Ulysses | Butterfield & Swire. | Butterfield & Swire. | Dec. 2nd. |
| Don Juan | Brasão & Co. | Brasão & Co. | Nov. 27 |